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——Theſeâ pectora juncta fide. Ovid.

Thurſday, May 22. 1712.

I Intend the Paper for this Day as a looſe Eſſay upon *Friendſhip*, in which I ſhall throw my Obſervations together without any ſet form, that I may avoid repeating what has been often ſaid on this Subject.

Friendſhip is *a ſtrong and habitual Inclination in two Perſons, to promote the Good and Happineſs of one another.* Tho' the Pleaſures and Advantages of Friendſhip have been largely celebrated by the beſt Moral Writers, and are conſidered by all as great Ingredients of Human Happineſs, we very rarely meet with the Practice of this Virtue in the World.

Every Man is ready to give in a long Catalogue of thoſe Virtues and good Qualities he expects to find in the Perſon of a Friend, but very few of us are careful to cultivate them in our ſelves.

Love and Eſteem are the firſt Principles of Friendſhip, which always is imperfect where either of theſe two is wanting.

As on the one hand, we are ſoon aſhamed of loving a Man whom we cannot Eſteem: So on the other, tho' we are truly ſenſible of a Man's Abilities, we can never raiſe our ſelves to the warmths of Friendſhip, without an affectionate Good-will towards his Perſon.

Friendſhip immediately baniſhes Envy under all its Diſguiſes. A Man who can once doubt whether he ſhould rejoice in his Friend's being happier than himſelf, may depend upon it, that he is an utter Stranger to this Virtue.

There is ſomething in Friendſhip ſo very great and noble, that in thoſe fictitious Stories which are invented to the Honour of any particular Perſon, the Authors have thought it as neceſſary to make their Hero a Friend as a Lover. *Achilles* has his *Patroclus*, and *Eneas* his *Achates*. In the firſt of theſe Inſtances we may obſerve, for the Reputation of the Subject I am treating of, that *Greece* was almoſt ruin'd by the Hero's Love, but was preſerved by his Friendſhip.

The Character of *Achates* ſuggeſts to us an Obſervation we may often make on the Intimacies of great Men, who frequently chuſe their Companions rather for the Qualities of the Heart than thoſe of the Head, and prefer Fidelity in an eaſie inoffenſive complying Temper to thoſe Endowments which make a much greater Figure among Mankind. I do not remember that *Achates*, who is repreſented as the firſt Favourite, either gives his Advice, or ſtrikes a Blow, thro' the whole *Æneid*.

A Friendſhip which makes the leaſt Noiſe is very often moſt uſeful, for which Reaſon I ſhould prefer a prudent Friend to a zealous one.

Atticus, one of the beſt Men of ancient *Rome*, was a very remarkable Inſtance of what I am here ſpeaking. This extraordinary Perſon, amidſt the Civil Wars of his Country, when he ſaw the Deſigns of all Parties equally tended to the Subverſion of Liberty, by conſtantly preſerving the Eſteem and Affection of both the Competitors, found means to ſerve his Friends on either ſide; and while he ſent Mony to young *Marius*, whoſe Father was declared an Enemy of the Common-wealth, he was himſelf one of *Sylla*'s chief Favourites, and always near that General.

During the War between *Cæſar* and *Pompey* he ſtill maintained the ſame Conduct; after the Death of *Cæſar* he ſent Mony to *Brutus* in his Troubles, and did a thouſand good Offices to *Anthony*'s Wife and Friends when that Party ſeemed ruined. Laſtly, even in that Bloody War between *Anthony* and *Auguſtus*, *Atticus* ſtill kept his place in both their Friendſhips; inſomuch that the firſt ſays, *Cornelius Nepos* whenever he was abſent from *Rome* in any part of the Empire writ punctually to him what he was doing, what he read, and whither he intended to go; and the latter gave him conſtantly an exact Account of all his Affairs.

A Likeneſs of Inclinations in every Particular is ſo far from being requiſite to form a Benevolence in two Minds towards each other, as it is generally imagined, that I believe we ſhall find ſome of the firmeſt Friendſhips to have been contracted between Perſons of different Humours; the Mind being often pleaſed with thoſe Perfections which are new to it, and which it does not find among its own Accom-

Accompliſhments. Beſides that a Man in ſome meaſure ſupplies his own Defects, and fancies himſelf at ſecond hand poſſeſſed of thoſe good Qualities and Endowments which are in the Poſſeſſion of him who in the Eye of the World is looked on as his *other ſelf*

The moſt difficult Province in Friendſhip is the letting a Man ſee his Faults and Errors; which ſhould, if poſſible, be ſo contrived that he may perceive our Advice is given him not ſo much to pleaſe our ſelves as for his own Advantage. The Reproaches therefore of a Friend ſhould always be ſtrictly juſt, and not too frequent.

The violent Deſire of pleaſing in the Perſon reproved, may otherwiſe change into a Deſpair of doing it, while he finds himſelf cenſur'd for Faults he is not Conſcious of. A Mind that is ſoftened and humaniſed by Friendſhip cannot beat frequent Reproaches; either it muſt quite ſink under the Oppreſſion, or abate conſiderably of the Value and Eſteem it had for him who beſtows them.

The proper Buſineſs of Friendſhip is to inſpire Life and Courage, and a Soul thus ſupported outdoes it ſelf; whereas if it be unexpectedly deprived of theſe Succours it droops and languiſhes.

We are in ſome meaſure more inexcuſable if we violate our Duties to a Friend, than to a Relation, ſince the former ariſe from a voluntary Choice, the latter from a Neceſſity to which we could not give our own Conſent.

As it has been ſaid on one ſide that a Man ought not to break with a faulty Friend, that he may not expoſe the Weakneſs of his Choice; it will doubtleſs hold much ſtronger with reſpect to a worthy one, that he may never be upbraided for having loſt ſo valuable a Treaſure which was once in his Poſſeſſion.

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AT the Queen's Theatre in the Hay-Market, on Saturday next being the 24th of May, will be preſented an Engliſh Opera called Calypſo and Telemachus. Pit and Boxes to be put together, and no Perſon to be admitted without Tickets; which will be deliver'd out at White's Chocolate Houſe, and at the Theatre at half a Guinea each, on Friday and Saturday. To begin exactly at Six. By Her Majeſty's Command, No Perſons are to be admitted behind the Scenes.

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There is lately brought over from Italy a ſmall Quantity of very rich Diſtilled Waters, made by Troſeme Ribequi, Principal Diſtiller to his Royal Highneſs the Duke of Savoy. They are all put into Cheſts; each of which contains 24 Bottles (3 to a full Quart) and conſiſts of the 4 following Select Sorts, viz. Millefleur, Orangiat, Burgamot, and Perficot, they are all of a double Spirit, and diſtilled in the ſame manner as the Citron Waters of Barbadoes, and of the ſame Strength, yet they are much pleaſanter, and but one third of the Price. They are really true and genuine as they were Imported, and may be ſeen and taſted every Day at Mr. Paul Girard's at the three Flower-de-Luces next Door to Northumberland-Houſe near Charing-Croſs; where they are ſold in order for a quick Sale only at 3 Guineas per Cheſt. N. B. There has been none of theſe ſorts in England, unleſs in Preſents, theſe 5 Years paſt.

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